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Situation Report Wind Storm and Heat Emergency

August 13, 2007, 3pm Updates are in Bold Faced Type

SUMMARY

An early morning storm tore through northeast Missouri causing high winds that damaged trees and knocked down power lines. The storms caused damages in Columbia, Jefferson City and east to the St. Louis area. There have been no reports of deaths due to the wind storm, but a woman was injured in the St Louis area when she was struck by a falling tree limb.

Officials also continue to monitor impacts from excessive heat that has affected the state since the beginning of the month. Authorities report four potential heat-related deaths statewide. National Weather Services forecasts indicate extreme heat will continue through Wednesday, and possibly for the rest of the week.

County Reports

Boone County—Officials report 28 homes without power in Columbia, and another 180 homes without power in other parts of the county.

Jackson County—Officials report two deaths possibly caused by extreme heat. A 47-year old man died Friday, and a 74-year-old man reportedly died on Sunday.

Lincoln County—Officials report one home with damage near Winfield.

Marion County—Officials report a power lines were knocked down, but otherwise there was no major damage.

St Charles County—Officials report roof damage on a car dealership.

St. Louis County—State health officials report a potential heat-related death in the St Louis area. Most of the wind damages affected the northern parts of the St. Louis Metro area. A woman was injured in the City of St John when a tree fell on her. Hazelwood School District closed all schools due to power outages

Scotland County—Officials report a 68-year-old woman passed away in her home; coroner is looking at extreme heat as a contributing factor.

Utility Reports

Ameren UE reported that **16,000 homes** were still without power. This was down from 63,000 that they had previously reported at 130am. Ameren UE expects all power to be restored by Tuesday. **More than 600 linemen are working on the restoration effort, including Ameren crews from Illinois.**

State and Local Actions

SEMA and other state agencies continue to monitor the situation and will have further updates as necessary.

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Volunteer Agency Actions

The United Way of Greater St. Louis has activated Operation Weather Survival (OWS). OWS is the heat emergency plan for the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. The United Way of Greater St. Louis is the lead agency coordinating with its many partner agencies to support OWS. A list of cooling sites in the St. Louis area can be found at:

http://www.stl.unitedway.org/NewsStories/default.aspx?id=2592

United Way of Greater Kansas City 211 are coordinating relief efforts in and around Kansas City which include Salvation Army handing out water and sports drinks. Salvation Army is also operating cooling stations to assist the Kansas City effort.

Weather

National Weather Service (NWS) has issued an excessive heat warning until 7pm on Wednesday for most of the state. Record or near-record temperatures are possible over the next 48 hours. NWS is still assessing data to determine if a change in weather pattern could occur late this week. If pattern persists, extreme heat will continue for the remainder of the week.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.